

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Makimura, et al.
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For	:	SOFT X-RAY PROCESSING DEVICE AND SOFT X-RAY PROCESSING METHOD
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.